





Friday Morning, March 4, 1870.

## Free Port and Protected Industry.

It has been fully demonstrated that Canada can see as readily as the shrewdest among us the highly favored commercial position of Victoria, under Confederation, and the great advantages which would be secured to the Province and to the Dominion by the establishment of a free port here. We have never sought to conceal the fact that the free port scheme is not without its objectors; nor can it be denied that some of the objections urged are entitled to grave consideration. The chief objection to a free port is found in the fact that the entire island would be free, and, therefore, thrown open to foreign productions. This, it is asserted, would prove highly detrimental to agricultural interests. We are by no means certain that this is the correct view. Vancouver Island will never owe its greatness to agriculture. Its geographical position, magnificent harbors, enormous coal-stores and its iron and copper mines would all appear to point to its greatness as a commercial and manufacturing seat. To the development of both of these interests a free port must contribute. To become commercially free, we must become commercially free. Victoria has to overtake other communities; and she can alone do so by throwing her gates wide open to commerce. To become great in manufactures we must have large communities and cheap labor. 'Ah!' says one, 'but we must have protection, too.' You cannot keep your cake and eat it. Against whose manufactures do we want protection? The United States? Is not the most healthy protection against their manufactures to be found in cheap labor and the creation of a large home demand, as against the dear labor caused by their ruinous protective system? For agriculture on this island would it not be in reality more benefited, taking the larger view, by the creation of a great home demand, the infusion of labor and capital, than by being walled in by a narrow, restrictive system? It must be remembered that the true interest of the agriculturist is inseparably connected with the general prosperity. If, under a protective system, commerce languishes and population decreases, the farmer will only be protected off the face of the earth—or, at all events, off the island of Vancouver. There is one point which the farmers and others are very apt to overlook in dealing with the question of free trade vs protection. There is a disposition to look at the margin of profit enjoyed under the customs tariff, and overlook the margin of taxation such protection costs. But let the farmer sit down some evening after supper and carefully calculate what this protection costs him every year; let him subtract that from what he gains by it, and we apprehend he will need to put on his 'specs' in order to see the remainder. He not only pays fifteen to twenty per cent upon every imported article consumed or used on his farm, but he pays that much more for labor; and we are greatly mistaken if it does not turn out, upon a careful calculation, that, taking the average of our farmers on the island, they are paying more for protection than it brings to them; and this, too, altogether apart from the fact that protection is killing commerce and keeping away population. Unquestionably the larger prosperity and development certain to result from a free port, under Confederation, would be better for all classes and interests than a sickly, hidebound existence under protection. But, should it be thought otherwise, there appears to us to be nothing inconsistent in the idea of free trade in all we want to import, and protection to all we want to produce. For this purpose no Customs tariff would be needed. Such articles as we desired to protect could be met with a landing warrant, imposing a tax that would at once act as a protection to the home producer, and create a fund which would be available for whatever purpose might be deemed most desirable. There appears to be no insuperable difficulty in the way of adopting such a policy. Indeed it was adopted in former times, under the free port system. But we are apt to think that such protective imposts would not be long retained. All would soon become convinced that free trade—free as the winds that shall waft the ships of all nations to our inviting shores—is the true policy for Vancouver Island. Canada sees it. The Mainland sees it. Will Victoria be the last to see it? This is to become the Western gate, so to speak, of the Greater Britain of America, and that gate must be opened wide.

MUSIC AND DANCING ACADEMY.—Mrs Digby Palmer, Fort Street, first house above Bluebird, purposes holding a DANCING CLASS for juveniles twice a week, viz: Tuesday and Friday, at half-past 3 o'clock, commencing Tuesday, March 1st, 1870; Adult Class, Tuesday and Friday at 8 o'clock. Terms, boys and girls per month, \$2; adults, \$5; private lessons, \$8. Mr Palmer will preside at the piano for the dancing class. Mr Digby Palmer, teacher of the PIANO, SINGING and PIANO-TUNING. Terms, pianoforte and singing per month, \$5, twice a week; if two or more in a family, \$5. Balls, Dinners and Private Parties attended. Ladies or Gentlemen giving parties not having a piano, by paying Digby Palmer can have the use of his by paying the carriage. Applications can be left at the above address, or on D. P.'s plate, at Messrs. T. N. Hibben & Co.'s Bookstore, Government Street.

## New Advertisements.

## ALHAMBRA THEATRE.

LESSEE, MR FRANK RICHARDS

Friday Evening, March 4th,

FAREWELL BENEFIT

And last appearance of

LOUISE ARNOT

GREAT BILL FOR THE LAST NIGHT.

Sterling Novelties!!

Secure Seats Early!

ADMISSION, 50 Cents; Reserved Seats, \$1. mar4

Victoria Whaling Adventurers' Company, (Limited.)

A GENERAL MEETING OF THE

Shareholders of the above Company will be held

at the store of Mr Edgar Marvin, on MONDAY, the 7th

inst, for the purpose of winding up the Company.

All bills against the Company must be handed to the

underwritten on or before Saturday next, 5th inst, or they

will not be allowed. JOHN KRIEMLER, Secy

Victoria, March 3, 1870. mar4

## Copartnership Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

the copartnership heretofore existing between

James McIntosh and William Fortune, of Tranquille, British

Columbia, Millwrights, has been this day dissolved

by mutual consent. The said William Fortune carrying

on the business, collecting all debts and paying all liabilities

of the late firm. JAMES MCINTOSH, J. RUFFE,

Wm. Fortune, Wharf Street.

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RECEIVED BY EACH TRIP OF THE

CONSTANTINE, and warranted prime

For Sale by J. RUFFE, Wharf Street.

mar3 1m

## THEATRE ROYAL.

LESSEE &amp; MANAGER, Mr F. M. BATES

MACHINIST, Mr. HIBBINS

SCENIC ARTIST, Mr. DESTON

Saturday Evening, March 5th,

THE BATES TROUPE.

Will open on the above evening with the following

Talent:

MISS JENNIE MANDEVILLE,

MISS ALICIA MANDEVILLE,

MRS COX,

MRS. F. M. BATES,

MR. VINSON,

MR. BARRY,

MR. MELVILLE,

MR. NOBLE,

MR. THORNTON,

MR. GRAHAM,

MR. CLINTON,

MR. GRAVES,

MR. WATSON.

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## The ADELPHI SALOON

The Oldest and Best in

VICTORIA,

HAS JUST BEEN REFITTED IN THE

Finest Style, and will be maintained in the most

liberal manner in future.

OYSTERS, CHICKENS, TURKIES, &amp;c,

Served Free of Charge, Every Day

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Best of WINES &amp; LIQUORS at

the Bar.

Three Fine BILLIARD TABLES in the

Room. mar1

## THE CARIBOO

PORK MARKET.

JESSE EVANS &amp; WILLIAMS,

formerly in the employ of Wm. Phillips, Bir-

mingham, Sausage-Maker to the Queen, beg to

inform the public of Victoria that they have opened a

splendid Establishment on GOVERNMENT STREET, op-

posite the Bank of British Columbia, where they man-

ufacture the best of

3 sausages from Grain Fed Island Pork,

Seasoned in English, German, French, Italian, and British

Columbia styles.

MRS. EVANS' celebrated

Melton Nowbray Pork Pies

always on hand and made to order.

BACON and HAMS cured in the best style, and every-

thing connected with the above establishment can be had

pure and unadulterated. fe13

## Trunks! Trunks! Trunks!

H. T. MANN &amp; CO,

Saddlers and Harness

MAKERS,

Fort Street, Victoria,

ARE NOW PREPARED TO SUPPLY

Common Trunks, to the Trade, at \$5.00 to \$8 per

pair, of 4, both qualities guaranteed superior to any yet

manufactured. Likewise every thing in their line 10 per

cent cheaper and 50 per cent better than any other house

in town. fe24 2w

## TENDERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE

supply of lumber for the H.M. Naval Yard

Particulars as to quantities, time of delivery, &amp;c, can

be seen at the office of the Paymaster in Charge, be-

tween the hours of 9 and 11 a.m.

S. J. MARK, Paymaster in Charge.

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## Notice of Dissolution.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETO-

fore existing between the undersigned lately car-

rying on business as Partners, &amp;c, in Johnson Street, Vic-

toria, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101,

W. C. Bryant, and Abram Yearka, is hereby dissolved by

mutual consent, and all bills and accounts of the late firm

must be presented to the undersigned on or before Sat-

urday next, 5th inst, or they will not be allowed.

W. C. BRYANT, ABRAM YEARKA,

Witness—Thomas, Victoria, Feb 21, 1870. fe22 1m

## J. H. TURNER &amp; CO,

Wharf Street.

Importers of Dr. Goods

—AND—

Commission Merchants.

RETAIL STORE—Government Street,

LONDON FIRM—L. P. Tunstall &amp; Co, 8 Bow Church

Yard. fe20

## JAMES N. THAIN,

COMMISSION MERCHANT

—AND—

Accountant.

RESIDENCE—FORT STREET. fe10 1m

## WRAPPING PAPER.

FOR SALE CHEAP—At the

COLONIST OFFICE

fe18

## New Advertisements.

## F. DALLY

Desires to Inform the Inhabitants of Victoria and its

vicinity, that he has returned from the Upper

Country with a Choice Collection of

## New Photographic Views

OF

Mountain Scenery and other highly In-

teresting Subjects.

CARTES DE VISITE,

GROUPS,

And Views taken with the greatest care and in the best

style of Photographic Art, and warranted to give satis-

faction. The Gallery is situated on Fort Street

VICTORIA, B. C. fe18 3m

## L. &amp; J. Boscowitz.

YATES ST., VICTORIA, V. I.

PAY THE HIGHEST CASH PRICES

for

FURS AND HIDES.

fe27 3m

## COURT OF REVISION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

the second sitting of the Court of Revision will

be held on Monday the 7th inst, at 11 o'clock in the

forenoon.

And notice is further given to all appellants against

the Assessments of the Municipal Town Council, that

they must appear in person, or by agent, before the

Court to prosecute their appeal. In default of appear-

ance they will be liable to have the appeal struck out.

By order, W. T. LEIGH, Jr., Clerk of the Court.

Victoria, B. C., Feb 9th, 1870. fe27

## Barnard's Express

FOR CARIBOO AND WAX STATIONS

will be dispatched from this office on WEDNESDAY,

2d March, and will close on that day at 8:30 a.m., carry-

ing H. M. Mails, Passengers and Freight.

F. J. BARNARD.

Victoria, Feb 26, 1870. fe27

## OREGON PRODUCE.

California.

1015 SACKS BRAN,

513 DO CHOPPED FRED,

Fresh from the Mills.

For Sale to the Trade Cheap, by

J. ROBERTSON STEWART.

Victoria, Feb 26, 1870. fe26 1m

## JUST RECEIVED!

BEST ASSORTMENT FROM ALL PARTS OF

THE WORLD.

## NOLTEMEIER BROS.,

Boot and Shoe Dealers

HAVE THE BEST SE-

lected stock of BOOTS and SHOES

ever brought to this Coast, which

they offer

VERY LOW FOR CASH

People need not have wet or cold feet this winter

Come and see for yourselves!

Government Street next to the St. Nicholas

Hotel. fe18 1y

## UNION MARKET.

Corner Fort and Douglas Streets.

## J. BLACKBOURNE,

DEALER IN HOME CURED

HAMS AND BACON, SPICED MEATS,

FRESH MEATS.

The Best Assortment Constantly on Hand.

25. Families, Hotels, Restaurants and Shipping sup-

plied at short notice. fe18

## THE VICTORIA

Steam Sash, Door and

Moulding Factory,

CORMORANT STREET, VICTORIA.

## A LARGE STOCK OF DOORS AND

FASIES on hand, warranted made of well seasoned

material. —ALSO—

A large assortment of Wood, Pine, and Stuffed Seat

Chairs, Bedsteads, Tables, &amp;c.

All sizes of WINDOW GLASS for sale. fe18

WM. JONES, Proprietor.

## Yorkshire Pork Market.

YATES STREET.

GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES!

ON ACCOUNT OF DULL TIMES,

Mr Heywood has concluded to lower the

prices of his celebrated Pork to such an extent

that this time he will sell his

CELEBRATED SAUSAGE, 11-2 lbs for 25 cents

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**Fireproof Bonded Warehouses.** 120.



